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THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" The Government of India is the controlling authority for petrol rationing. The main reasons for the continuance of petrol rationing are, apart from general shortage, inadequate transport capacity and bulk storage facilities. The Government of India have recently stated that it will not be possible either to abolish or relax petrol rationing in the near future."

Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners.

*166 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether in pursuance of G.O. Ms. No. 4653, Development, dated 19th December 1946, Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners have been appointed for each district;

(b) what the qualifications and emoluments prescribed for these posts are;

(c) who the appointing authority is;

(d) whether the posts were advertised and applications invited for the same.

(e) whether the appointments have been made and who the persons are together with their qualifications and the districts to which they belong; and

(f) what the functions of these Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners are?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) No qualifications are prescribed for the posts of the Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners. The scale of pay sanctioned for the post is Rs. 250—50/2—700 per mensem.

" (c) The Government.

" (d) No.

" (e) Yes. Nineteen Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners were recently appointed. The persons appointed, their qualifications and the districts to which they belong are furnished in the statement * placed on the table of the House.

" (f) Consequent on the reorganization of the Textile Control Department ordered in G.O. Ms. No. 4653, Development, dated 19th December 1946, the Collectors are made fully responsible for all items of work relating to textiles in the districts concerned. The Collectors are responsible for the following items of work :—

(1) All licensing;

(2) enforcement of all textile control measures; and

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(3) distribution, in consultation with the District, Taluk, Town and Village Committees of the district quota of cloth and yarn.

The Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners are the Special Assistants to the Collectors for the textile control work detailed above."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether there is any proposal to appoint more Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners in the near future?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" There is no such proposal, but if there is need, the Government will certainly consider."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" If the need arises, will the Government call for applications and then choose?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The suggestion of the hon. Member will be borne in mind."

Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore.

* 167 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri K. Natarajan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a memorial has been received by the Government from the Secretary, Tanjore Maharajah Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore, praying for a grant of an annual subsidy of Rs. 11,000 to be utilized for the preservation and publications of rare and valuable manuscripts in the Library;

(*b*) whether it was originally a private library belonging to the reigning Princes of Tanjore who maintained the Library, and added books and manuscripts thereto from time to time;

(*c*) whether after the claimants to the private properties of the last Raja of Tanjore agreed to the preservation of the Library as a Public Library, and set apart one lakh of rupees for its upkeep, the Government in G.O. No. 1306, Home (Education), took over the management under the Charitable Endowments Act and framed a scheme for the management of the same;

(*d*) whether that one lakh of rupees was originally invested in 5 per cent Government of India loan which investment continued till 1939;

(*e*) whether afterwards on account of the termination of the 5 per cent loan, the amount was reinvested in $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent Government of India non-terminable loan;

(*f*) whether, therefore, the income of Rs. 5,000 derived by the Library till 1939 was reduced to Rs. 3,500;

(*g*) whether even the $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent loan was terminated by the Government of India on 16th September 1946;

(*h*) whether the endowment of the library had therefore to be invested in 3 per cent loan, and hence the income reduced by another Rs. 500;